

# The Blessing Life

## Financial giving to Coro Church

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Over the past few weeks we have been exploring the Spiritual gifts. Each one of us has something to give for the building up of the church. The Church matters to God. When God calls us to faith he places us in a family, the church. In calling us to a family, he also calls us to serve. As many can testify, serving is such a joy and a privilege. It is part of the blessing of being a Christian. When we don't want to serve, it's because we've lost connection with the ongoing purpose of God and our hope. Serving in the Spirit's power renews hope for the whole church. God blesses us with the resources to be the church in the world and to share the good news of the Kingdom to everyone. This happens as each one does their part.

An important part of the blessing is to give our money for this work of the gospel at CoroUniting. Your offering is a love gift to God and to us. It helps us pay for our Minister and staff, our ministry, our worship resources, the buildings and their upkeep. Jesus guides us in applying our resources to ministry; to children, youth, our families and older people; in our worship services and prayer gatherings and our ministries of welcome to those who don't know Jesus. God enables us to partner with His Spirit *"so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ"* (Colossians 1:28).

At this time each year we ask you to review your existing giving, so that our mission and ministry may be effectively resourced. This completed form will be an indication of your giving through to the end of 2019. It's what you have *'purposed in your heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion'* (2 Cor 9:7). Of course, if your circumstances change you are free to adjust this up or down.

Please prayerfully complete this booklet and add it to the offering bags by **Sunday 14 October 2018**.

Simon



CoroUniting  
CHURCH COMMUNITY

# Giving Information

## Where does my giving go?

**Regular giving** is used for the general ministry of the church, including the day-to-day costs of running the church such as staff stipends, office and administration costs, support of volunteers, contributions to the wider Uniting Church and property expenses. A set percentage of this giving is forwarded to the Uniting Church Mission and Services Fund.

**Directed giving** specifically targets certain areas of our ministry. It is not the only giving for these areas, however allows direct support *over and above regular giving* to certain specific areas as shown below:

- Mission: You may also like to make an additional offering for specific mission-focused projects and missionaries. These monies are managed by the Mission Focus Group.
- Youth: Giving to this area specifically supports Youth ministry here at CoroUniting. Our plan is that Youth Ministry will ultimately be fully funded from our regular giving.
- Loan repayments: Our property is used in so many ways each day of the week. Your gifts to this specific area will help us to cover our loan repayments each month.
- Manse Provision: This is an interim program of mercy ministry enabling us to let out the Manse free. We believe God has called us to do this, and giving to this specific area helps offset what we would otherwise be receiving in rental income. You will be notified when these additional funds are no longer required.
- Solar Panels: Just for this year we will be asking for a once off contribution towards the purchase of solar panels to help offset our large electricity costs.

## How to give

**EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)** giving is a direct payment set up from your bank account to the church bank account. For regular giving, a direct debit can be set up specifying the amount and frequency. It has many benefits (see below) and as such is our preferred method of giving.

The church's EFT details are BSB: 805 007 A/c#: 00 706 438 A/c Name: *Coromandel Valley UCA*

Benefits of giving by EFT:

- Set and forget for regular direct debits – don't have to keep remembering each week
- Makes it easy to intentionally give the 'first fruits' before other expenses
- Giving can be spread across the year even if you aren't at church every week
- Minimises administration time and costs

**Envelopes** are provided in weekly or monthly numbered and dated sets. Your gift is sealed inside the envelope and placed in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

**Loose Giving** is cash placed directly into the offering bags on Sunday mornings.

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**Reporting:** Both EFT and Envelopes are recorded, and you will receive a quarterly report. Loose giving is allocated to regular giving but is not reported.

**Privacy:** We are serious about confidentiality and access to the details of an individual person's giving is strictly limited to certain individuals approved by the Church Council.



# My Giving

Each year we ask our church community to indicate what they plan to give by filling out this form. We know that circumstances can be fluid, however would encourage you to complete this as you are able so that those who serve the church in budgeting and financial planning are able to work with confidence and can effectively plan ahead.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Giving start date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

I/We would like to support the ministry and mission of CoroUniting as below:

EFT (our preferred method)       Envelopes       Loose

**Regular giving**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly

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In addition to my regular giving above, I would also like to give specifically towards:

Mission            \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly

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Youth            \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly

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Loan repayments \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly

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Manse provision \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Weekly     Fortnightly     Monthly     Quarterly

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Solar Panels        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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that there may be food in my house. Test me  
in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I  
will not throw open the floodgates of heaven  
and pour out so much blessing that you will  
not have room enough for it. ”

Malachi 3:10